

The Benefits of a Statewide System

Officer safety is the most important benefit of the statewide system. Officers will have immediate access to a database that can provide life saving information at the time of the initial encounter with a suspected gang member. Officers will have information as to previous gang activity and the migration patterns of the suspect. Durham has reported several instances where victims or witnesses have provided only one piece of information, such as a tattoo, and the suspects were immediately identified when the information search was conducted. A homicide victim was identified using the system, decreasing notification time to the family as well as saving valuable investigation time.

Regional Information Sharing System or RISS Gang

The Regional Informational Sharing System (RISS) is a national program designed to help local, state, federal, and tribal criminal justice agencies identify, target, and eliminate criminal activities by sharing information among those agencies that pursue criminal conspiracies determined to be interjurisdictional in nature. RISS Gang is a service that historically has been provided to RISS member law enforcement agencies that enter gang member information into a national database. This system is lightly used by law enforcement agencies in North Carolina. The benefit of this system is that it frees local law enforcement agencies from entering data as with NC GangNet. RISS Gang asks that member agencies simply provide a paper copy of an incident report or other information gathered, and they will enter the data. As;

Our nation's law enforcement agencies have seen a recent resurgence in gang-related crimes. RISS has utilized the RISS National Gang Database (RISSGang), a specialized database used to collect and disseminate information on criminal gangs and gang members, for many years. This database provides law enforcement agencies with easy